Constitution of Bureau of Industrial Coasts and Prices

4528. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) when was the last Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices constituted;

(b) the details of its members; and

(c) the reports submitted so far by the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): (a) The Bureaus of Industrial Costs and prices was constituted in the year 1970.

(b) The Bureau comprises of a Chairman and three full-time Members. The Director General (Technical Development) and the Economic Adviser to the Ministry of Industry are ex-officio Members of the Bureau.

(c) The Bureau has submitted 686 reports.

[*Translation*]

Bidi Factories Closed Due to High Price of Tendu Leaf

4529. SHRI SURAJBHANU SOLANKI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the sale of Bidis has come down due to supply of Tendu leaves at a very high rates by Madhya Pradesh to other States as a result of which several Bidi factories are being closed and lakhs of workers have been rendered unemployed;

(b) whether the Government have formulated any programme for their rehabilitation and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to bring down the price of Tendu leaves with a view to revive the closed Bidi factories;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) There is no evidance to suggest that the sale of bidis has been affected by high prices of tendu leaves nor are there any reports of bidi factories closing on this account.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Pricing of tendu leaf falls within the purview of the State Government.

(d) and (e). Does not arise.

[English]

Development of State Capitals

4530. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government propose to provide funds to the State for the development of State capitals; and

(b) if so, the Central assistance proposed to be given to the Government of Rajasthan during 1992-93 to develop Jaipur, the capital city of Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No Sir, However, a Committee has been constituted in the Ministry of Home Affairs to examine and recommend suitable components for the State Capital Projects of certain North Eastern States like Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Goa and Nagaland.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.